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SUBJECT: FORMAL MAURITANIAN REACTION TO CARTER ADMINISTRATION

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 578

1. MAURITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAMDIOUL MOUKNASS SUMMONED ME MARCH 19 TO REQUEST ME TO INFORM MY GOVERNMENT THAT GIRM IS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED (AND OBVIOUSLY VERY PLEASED) WITH ACTIONS TAKEN AND POLICIES ENUNCIATED BY NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION IN ITS FIRST TWO MONTHS IN OFFICE. MOUKNASS CITED IN PARTICULAR CARTER ADMINISTRATION MOVES IN THREE AREAS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO MAURITANIA: AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND STABILIZATION OF RAW MATERIALS PRICES (AND THE WHOLE INVENTORY OF NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES GENERALLY). MOUKNASS REPORTED THAT GIRM HAD RECEIVED A SERIES OF ENCOURAGING ANALYTICAL AND IMPRESSIONISTIC REPORTS FROM ITS AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK; THAT ORAL BRIEFINGS AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN HAD GIVEN DURING HIS CURRENT CONSULTATIONS HERE HAD REINFORCED THE INITIAL IMPRESSIONS; AND THAT MOULAYE HASSAN HAD CABLED VERY FAVORABLE REPORT OF PRESIDENT'S MARCH 17 UNITED NATIONS ADDRESS. MOUKNASS CONCLUDED HIS PRESENTATION WITH REQUEST THAT I SEND HIM TEXTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SEVERAL PUBLIC DECLARATIONS AS SOON AS I RECEIVED THEM.

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2. RE DOCUMENTATION, I RESPONDED THAT I EXPECTED THE SEVERAL SPEECH TEXTS MOMENTARILY AND WOULD GET COPIES OF FRENCH VERSIONS TO HIM AS SOON AS I HAD THEM IN HAND. (AT THIS POINT--MORNING OF MARCH 21-- WE HAVE NEITHER ENGLISH NOR FRENCH TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH NOR FRENCH TRANSLATION OF HIS CLINTON, MASS. TOWN MEETING REMARKS.)

3. ON SUBSTANCE, NOTING THAT MARCH 19 CHAAB (GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED DAILY) HAD CARRIED ONLY ARAB HALF OF PRESIDENTS CLINTON REMARKS, I TOOK OCCASION TO CAUTION MOUKNASS NOT RPT NOT TO JUMP TO INACCURATE CONCLUSION THAT USG HAD TURNED ITS MIDEAST POLICY UPSIDE DOWN. I DECLARED PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS HAD BEEN MUCH MORE EVENHANDED THAN LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATED, AND ABOVE ALL THAT LONGSTANDING US COMMITMENT TO INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF ISRAEL HAD IN NO WAY CHANGED.

4. CIRCUMSTANCES OF MEETING GIVE MEASURE OF IMPORTANCE GIRM ACCORDS TO ABOVE MESSAGE: MARCH 19 WAS FIRST DAY MOUKNASS WAS IN HIS NOUAKCHOTT OFFICE SINCE HE DEPARTED FEBRUARY 20 FOR LOME OAU MEETING, CAIRO AFRO-ARAB SUMIT AND SPECIAL MISSION TO KUWAIT. SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR WAS IN TOWN FOR ONE OF HIS ONE-DAY WORKING VISITS AND MOUKNASS' APPOINTMENTS WERE SANDWICHED BETWEENAIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AND WORKING LUNCH. FINALLY, ONLY MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR PRECEDED ME IN SHORT LINEUP OF MISSION CHIEFS FILING INTO MINISTERS OFFICE.

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